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SUBJECT: AMERICAN LITERARY FIGURES FOR SYDNEY AUSTRALIAN
AMERICAN WRITERS' SYMPOSIUM

REF: CANBERRA 1631

1. MOST QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS IN AREA FOR SYDNEY WRITERS' SYMPOSIUM
WOULD APPEAR TO BE ROBERT SHAPLEN OF NEW YORKER AND/OR ROY RYWAN,
TIME MAGAZINE'S HONG KONG BUREAU CHIEF.

2. SHAPLEN CURRENTLY IN KUALA LUMPUR ON ASSIGNMENT. RPO HAS
ASKED HAYNES MAHONEY TO CHECK ON HIS AVAILABILITY FOR MARCH 26-27
DATES AND ADVISE CANBERRA. (FYI: MRS. SHAPLEN THINKS HE SHOULD
BE AVAILABLE ON THOSE DATES). SHAPLEN HAS THREE NOVELS TO HIS
CREDIT PLUS NUMEROUS ARTICLES IN NEW YORKER.

3. ROWAN HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO PARTICIPATE PENDING AN
INVITATION FROM THE POST AND APPROVAL FROM HIS NEW YORK OFFICE
WHICH HE THINKS SHOULD BE FORTHCOMING UPON REQUEST. HE IS
AUTHOR OF BOOK "FOUR DAYS OF THE MAYAGUEZ" AND HAS JUST
COMPLETED A NOVEL, AS YET UNPUBLISHED, INVOLVING THE AMERICAN
PRESS IN ASIA.

4. BOTH WRITERS WELL-KNOWN TO POST AND AGENCY, HOWEVER POST
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SHOULD BE AWARE THEIR MAGAZINE DUTIES SOMETIMES FORCE THEM TO

CANCEL SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS.

5. ASSUME POST AND AAEF WOULD BE PREPARED COVER TRAVEL COSTS AND APPROPRIATE HONORARIA.

6. ADVISE USIS HONG KONG, INFO KUALA LUMPUR, RPO TOKYO AND USIA WHETHER FORMAL INVITATIONS SHOULD BE ISSUED.

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